

Project Report

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Intelligent Customer Help Desk with Smart Document Understanding

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1. INTRODUCTION : -

1.1 OVERVIEW:

We will build a chatbot using various Watson AI Services(Watson Assistant, Watson Discovery, Watson Cloud Function and Node-Red) to deliver an effective Web based UI through which we can chat with the assistant.

We will integrate Watson Discovery Service with Watson Assistant using webhooks.

1. Project Requirements: Node-Red, IBM Cloud Services, IBM Watson, Node JS
2. Functional Requirements: IBM Cloud Service Platform
3. Technical Requirements: AI, ML, Watson AI, Node JS
4. Software Requirements: Watson Assistant, Watson Discovery, Watson Cloud Function, Node-Red
5. Project Deliverables: Intelligent Customer Help Desk with Smart Document Understanding
6. Project Duration: 30 Days

1.2 PURPOSE:

SDU(Smart Document Understanding) trains Watson Discovery to extract custom fields in your documents. Customizing how our documents are indexed into Discovery will improve the answers returned from queries. With SDU, we annotate fields within our documents to train custom conversion models. As we annotate, Watson is learning and will start predicting annotations. SDU models can also be exported and used on other collections.

In this project, there will be another option. If the Customer Question is about the operation of a device, the application shall pass the question onto Watson Discovery Service, which has been pre-loaded with the device's owner's manual. So now, instead of "Would you like to speak to a customer representative?" we can return relevant sections of the owner's manual to help solve our customers' problems. To take it a step further, the project shall use the Smart Document Understanding feature of Watson Discovery to train it on what text in the owner's manual is important and what is not. This will improve the answers returned from the queries.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY:-

2.1 EXISTING PROBLEM :

The typical customer care chat bot can answer simple questions, such as store locations and hours, directions, and perhaps even making appointments. When a question falls outside of the scope of the pre-determined question set, the option is typically to tell the customer the question is not valid or offer to speak to a real person.

2.2 PROPOSED SOLUTION :

Steps:

1. The document is annotated using Watson Discovery SDU
2. The user interacts with the backend server via the app UI. The front end app UI is a chat bot that engages the user in a conversation.
3. Dialog between the user and backend server is coordinated using a Watson Assistant dialog skill.
4. If the user asks a product operation question, a search query is passed to a predefined IBM Cloud Functions action.
5. The Cloud Functions action will query the Watson Discovery service and return the results.

1. Create IBM Cloud Services

Create the following services:

- a. WatsonDiscovery
- b. WatsonAssistant
- c. NodeRed

2. Configure Watson Discovery

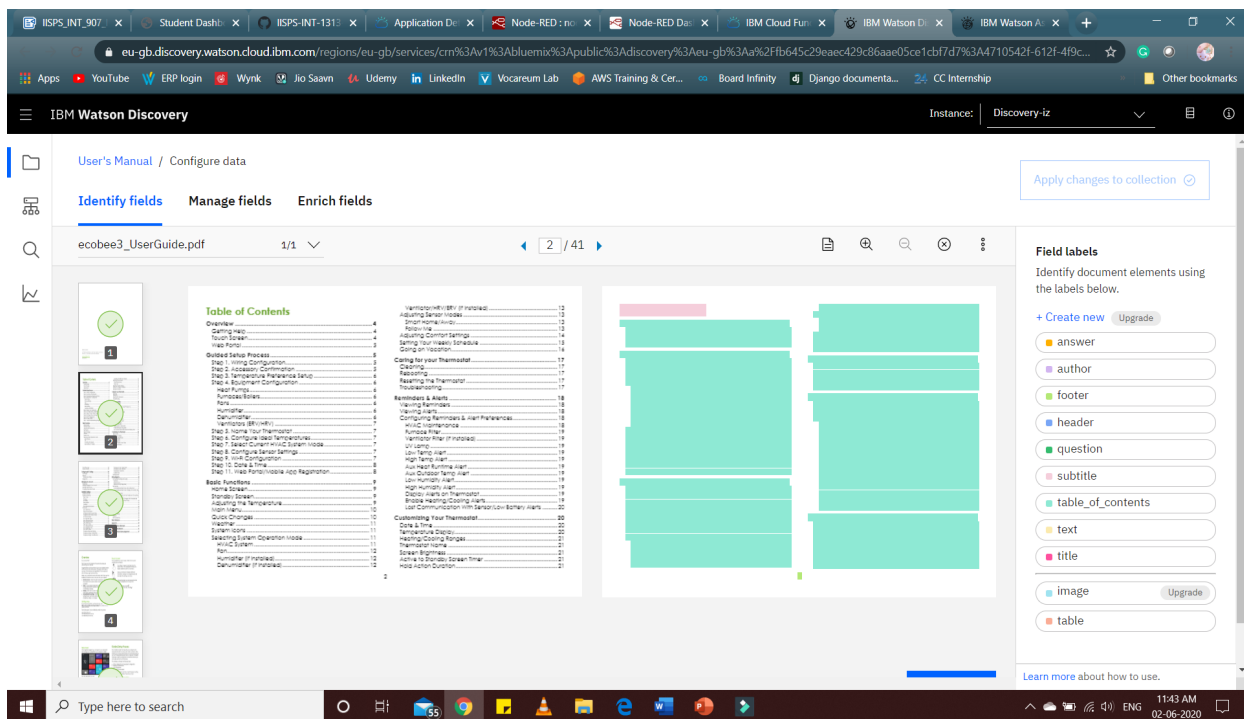
Import the document

Launch the Watson Discovery tool and create a new data collection by selecting the Upload your own data option. Give the data collection a unique name. When prompted, select and upload the ecobee3_UserGuide.pdf file located in the data directory of your local repo.

The screenshot displays the IBM Watson Discovery web interface. The left sidebar contains navigation icons for 'User's Manual / Build queries', 'Build a query using one or more of these components. [Learn more.](#)', and 'Search for documents'. The 'Search for documents' section has two tabs: 'Use natural language' (selected) and 'Use the Discovery Query Language'. A search input field contains the word 'heater'. Below the input field are two expandable sections: '+ Include analysis of your results' and '+ Filter which documents you query'. At the bottom of the search area are 'Run query' and 'Close' buttons. The right sidebar shows the 'Summary' tab for a JSON query. It displays the 'Query URL' as 'https://api.eu-gb.discovery.watson.cloud.ibm.com/instances/4'. Under the 'Passages' section, a snippet from a document is shown: '"If you have a furnace or boiler installed: 1. Select the heating menu. 2. Configure the heater type: ☐ Furnace: Optimizes ecobee3 for systems using forced air ☐ Boiler: Optimizes your ecobee3 for systems using radiators or in-floor heat. 3."' The 'Results' section shows 'Showing 2 of 2 matching documents'. The first result is 'ecobee3_UserGuide.pdf' with a 'Sentiment' of 'positive' and 'Concepts' of 'Heater'. The 'Text' field shows a snippet: '...Configure the heater type: ☐ Furnace: Optimizes ecobee3 for systems using forced air ☐ Boiler: Optimizes your ecobee3 for systems using radiators or in-floor heat. 3. Touch Next. You will be returned to the Equipment'.

Annotate with SDU

Now let's apply SDU to our document to see if we can generate some better query responses. From the Discovery collection panel, click the Configure data button (located in the top right corner) to start the SDU process. The goal is to annotate all of the pages in the document so Discovery can learn what text is important, and what text can be ignored.



3. Create IBM Cloud Function

Now let's create the web action that will make queries against our Discovery collection. Start the IBM Cloud Functions service by selecting Create Resource from the IBM Cloud dashboard. Enter functions as the filter, then select the Functions card:

From the Functions main panel, click on the Actions tab. Then click on Create. From the Create panel, select the Create Action option.

On the Create Action panel, provide a unique Action Name, keep the default package and select the Node.js 10 runtime.

Click the Create button to create the action.

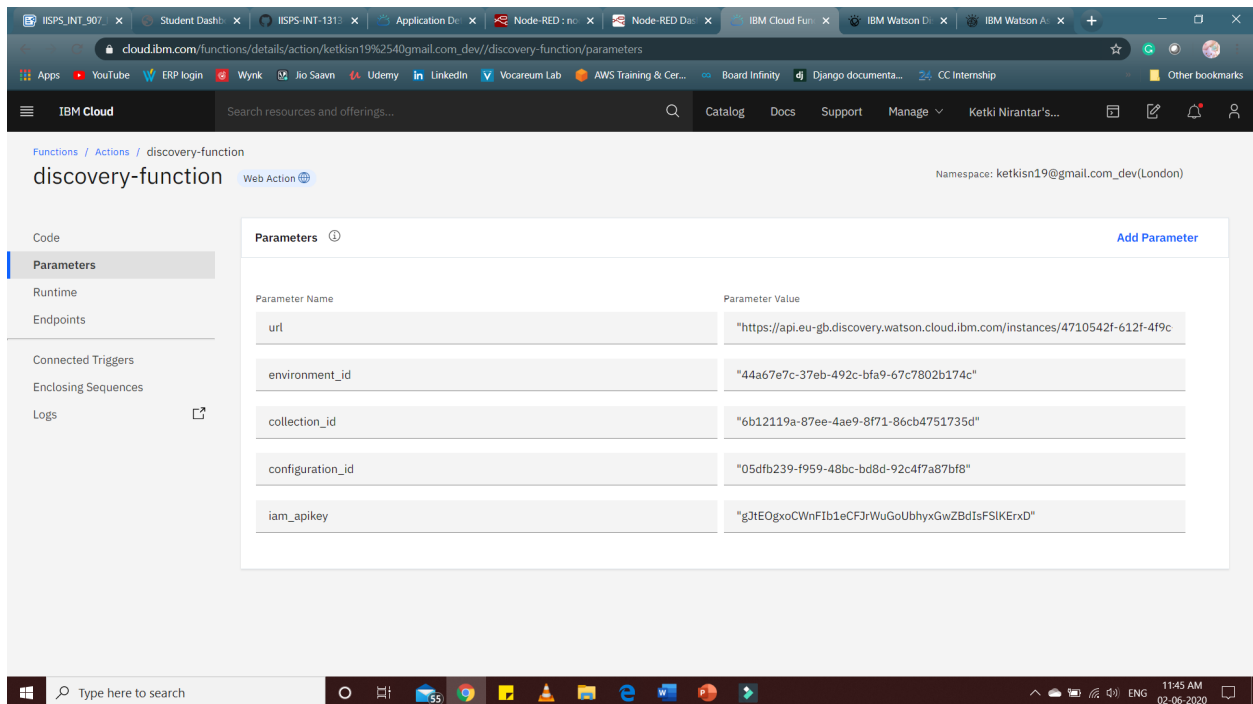
Once your action is created, click on the Code tab:

In the code editor window, cut and paste in the code from the disco-action.js file found in the action's directory of your local repository. The code is pretty straight-forward - it simply connects to the Discovery service, makes a query against the collection, then returns the response.

If you press the Invoke button, it will fail due to credentials not being defined yet. We'll do this next. Select the Parameters tab:

Add the following keys:

- url
- environment_id
- collection_id
- iam_apikey
- configuration_id



The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud Functions console. The browser address bar displays the URL: `cloud.ibm.com/functions/details/action/ketkisin19%2540gmail.com_dev//discovery-function/parameters`. The page title is "discovery-function" and it is identified as a "Web Action". The namespace is "ketkisin19@gmail.com_dev(London)".

On the left sidebar, the "Parameters" tab is selected. The main area shows a table of parameters:

Parameter Name	Parameter Value
url	"https://api.eu-gb.discovery.watson.cloud.ibm.com/instances/4710542f-612f-4f9c"
environment_id	"44a67e7c-37eb-492c-bfa9-67c7802b174c"
collection_id	"6b12119a-87ee-4ae9-8f71-86cb4751735d"
configuration_id	"05dfb239-f959-48bc-bd8d-92c4f7a87bf8"
iam_apikey	"gJtEOgxocWnFib1eCFJrWuGoUbyhXGwZBdIsFSIKErXD"

At the bottom of the console, there is a "Parameters" section with a table of values:

Parameter Name	Parameter Value
url	"https://api.eu-gb.discovery.watson.cloud.ibm.com/instances/4710542f-612f-4f9c"
environment_id	"44a67e7c-37eb-492c-bfa9-67c7802b174c"
collection_id	"6b12119a-87ee-4ae9-8f71-86cb4751735d"
configuration_id	"05dfb239-f959-48bc-bd8d-92c4f7a87bf8"
iam_apikey	"gJtEOgxocWnFib1eCFJrWuGoUbyhXGwZBdIsFSIKErXD"

For values, please use the values associated with the Discovery service you created in the previous step. Now that the credentials are set, return to the Code panel and press the Invoke button again. Now you should see actual results returned from the Discovery Service.

Next, go to the Endpoints panel.

Click the checkbox for Enable as Web Action. This will generate a public endpoint URL. Take note of the URL value, as this will be needed by Watson Assistant in a future step. To verify you have entered the correct Discovery parameters, execute the provided curl command. If it fails, re-check your parameter values.

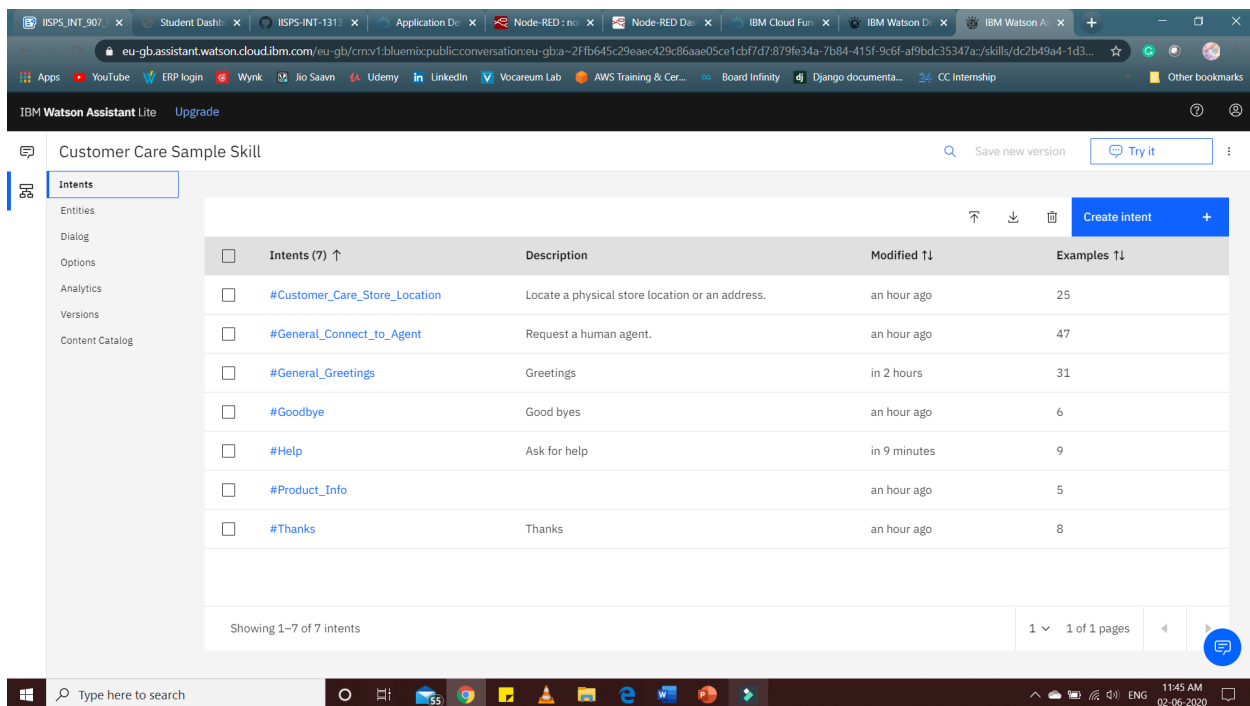
4. Configure Watson Assistant

Launch the Watson Assistant tool and create a new dialog skill. Select the Use sample skill option as your starting point. This dialog skill contains all of the nodes needed to have a typical call center conversation with a user.

Add new intent

The default customer care dialog does not have a way to deal with any questions involving outside resources, so we will need to add this. Create a new intent that can detect when the user is asking about operating the Product. From the Customer Care Sample Skill panel, select the Intents tab.

Click the Create intent button. Name the intent #Product_Info, and at a minimum, enter the following example questions to be associated with it.



The screenshot shows the IBM Watson Assistant interface for the 'Customer Care Sample Skill'. The 'Intents' tab is selected, displaying a table of 7 intents. The table has columns for 'Intents (7) ↑', 'Description', 'Modified ↑↓', and 'Examples ↑↓'. The intents listed are #Customer_Care_Store_Location, #General_Connect_to_Agent, #General_Greetings, #Goodbye, #Help, #Product_Info, and #Thanks. The #Product_Info intent is highlighted in blue. A 'Create intent' button is visible in the top right corner of the table area.

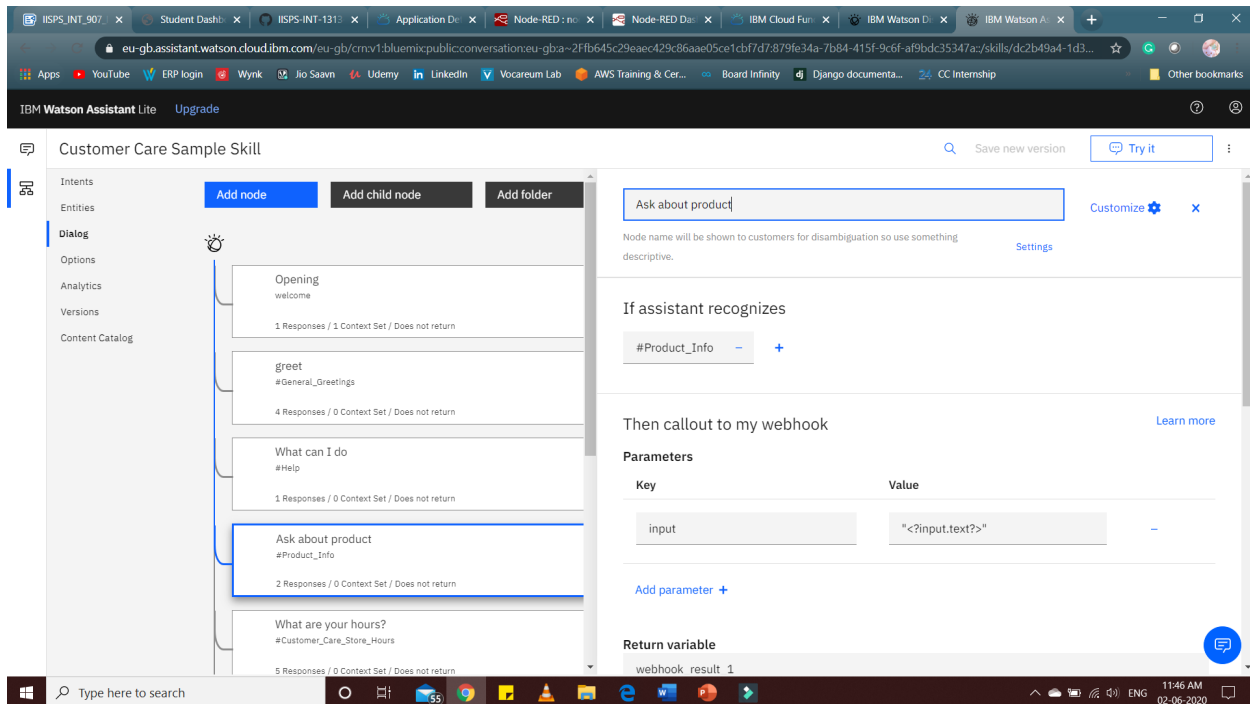
Intents (7) ↑	Description	Modified ↑↓	Examples ↑↓
<input type="checkbox"/> #Customer_Care_Store_Location	Locate a physical store location or an address.	an hour ago	25
<input type="checkbox"/> #General_Connect_to_Agent	Request a human agent.	an hour ago	47
<input type="checkbox"/> #General_Greetings	Greetings	in 2 hours	31
<input type="checkbox"/> #Goodbye	Good byes	an hour ago	6
<input type="checkbox"/> #Help	Ask for help	in 9 minutes	9
<input type="checkbox"/> #Product_Info		an hour ago	5
<input type="checkbox"/> #Thanks	Thanks	an hour ago	8

Showing 1–7 of 7 intents

Create new dialog node

Now we need to add a node to handle our intent. Click on the Dialog tab, then click on the drop-down menu for the Small Talk node, and select the Add node below option.

Name the node "Ask about product" and assign it our new intent. This means that if Watson Assistant recognizes a user input such as "how do I set the time?", it will direct the conversation to this node.



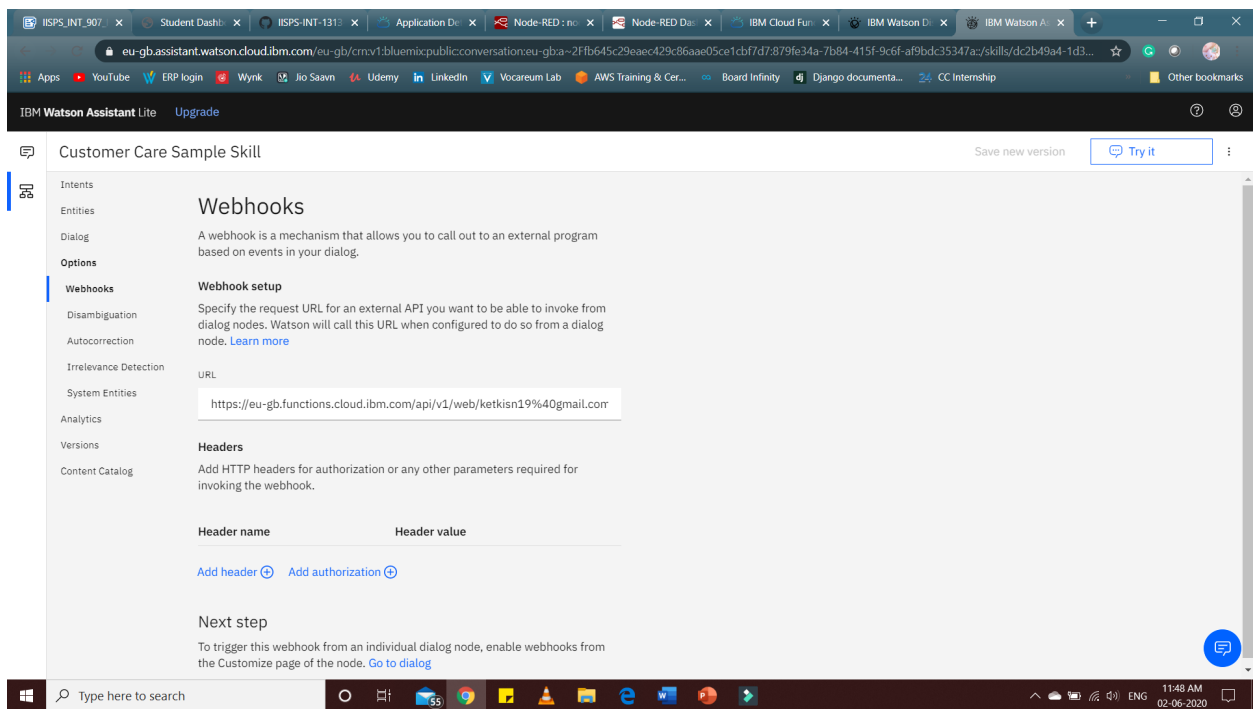
Enable webhook from Assistant

Set up access to our Webhook for the IBM Cloud Functions action you created in

Select the Options tab:

Enter the public URL endpoint for your action. Return to the Dialog tab, and click on the Askabout product node. From the details panel for the node, click on Customize, and enable Webhooks for this node: Click Apply.

The dialog node should have a Return variable set automatically to \$webhook_result_1. This is the variable name you can use to access the result from the Discovery service query.



Test in Assistant Tooling

From the Dialog panel, click the Try it button located at the top right side of the panel. Enter some user input: Note that the input "how do I turn on the heater?" has triggered our Ask about product dialog node, which is indicated by the #Product_Info response. And because we specified that \$webhook_result_1.passages be the response, that value is displayed also. You can also verify that the call was successfully completed by clicking on the Manage Context button at the top right. The response from the Discovery query will be stored in the \$webhook_result_1 variable.

The screenshot displays the IBM Watson Assistant interface for a skill named 'Customer Care Sample Skill'. On the left, a sidebar contains navigation options: Intents, Entities, Dialog, Options, Analytics, Versions, and Content Catalog. The main area shows a table of intents with columns for checkboxes, intent names, descriptions, modified times, and example counts. A 'Create intent' button is visible in the top right of the table. On the right, a 'Try it out' chat window shows a conversation with the assistant.

	Intents (7) ↑	Description	Modified ↑↓	Examples ↑↓
<input type="checkbox"/>	#Customer_Care_Store_Lo...	Locate a physical store location or a...	an hour ago	25
<input type="checkbox"/>	#General_Connect_to_Agent	Request a human agent.	an hour ago	47
<input type="checkbox"/>	#General_Greetings	Greetings	in 2 hours	31
<input type="checkbox"/>	#Goodbye	Good byes	an hour ago	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	#Help	Ask for help	in 5 minutes	9
<input type="checkbox"/>	#Product_Info		an hour ago	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	#Thanks	Thanks	an hour ago	8

Showing 1-7 of 7 intents

1 of 1 pages

Try it out

Hello, I'm a demo customer care virtual assistant to show you the basics. I can help with directions to my store, hours of operation and booking an in-store appointment.

Hello

#General_Greetings

Hello, Good evening

What can you do

#Help

I can tell you about the instructions for the instrument.

Use the up key for most recent

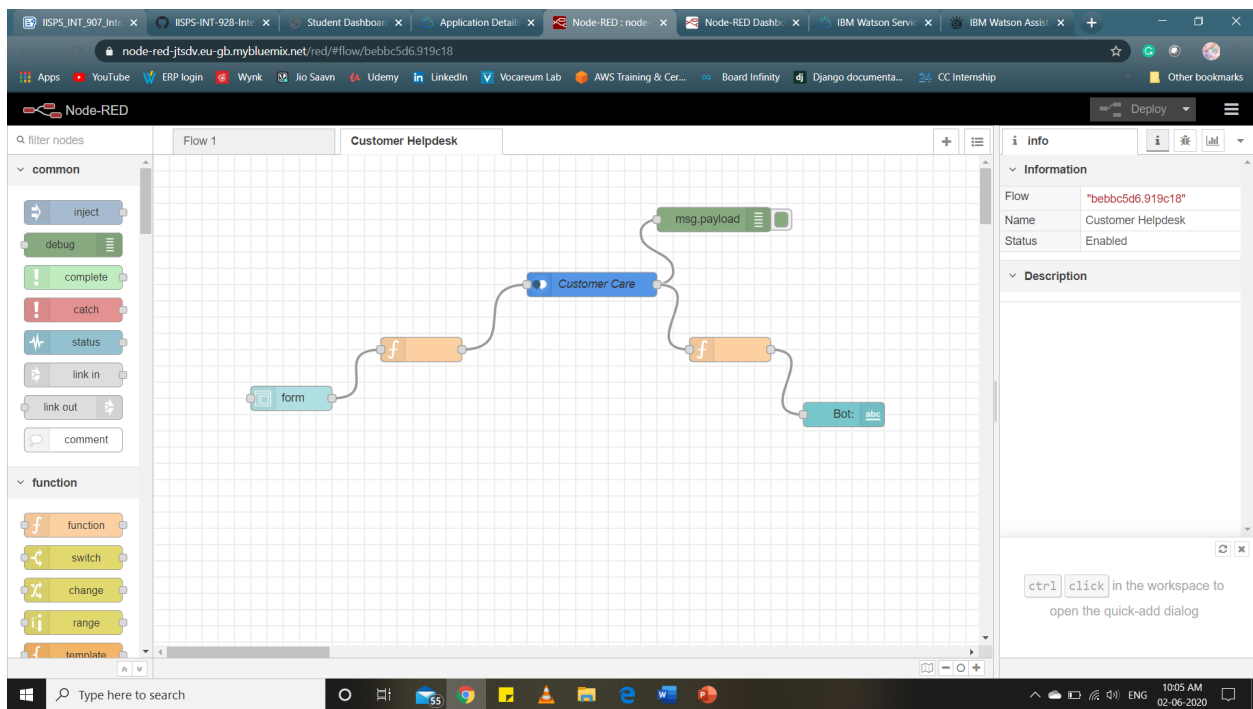
Enter something to test your assistant

5. Create flow and configure node:

At first go to manage palette and install dashboard.

Now, Create the flow with the help of following node:

1. Inject
2. Assistant
3. Debug
4. Function
5. Ui_Form
6. Ui_Text

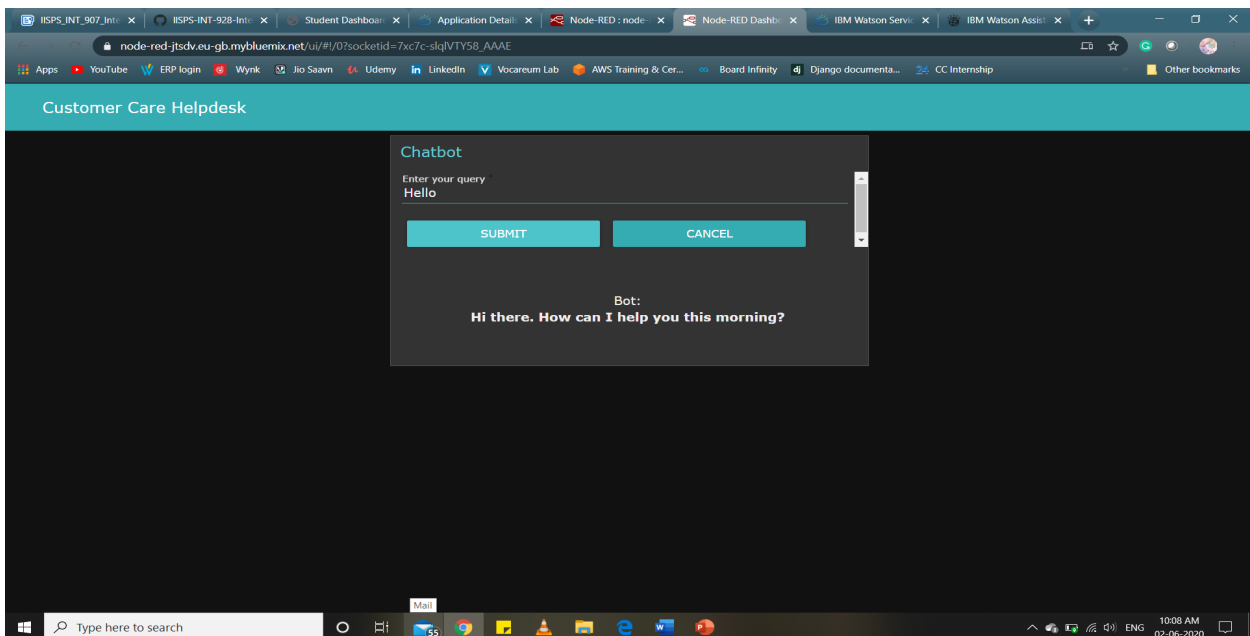


6. Deploy and run Node Red app.

Deploy the Node Red flow.

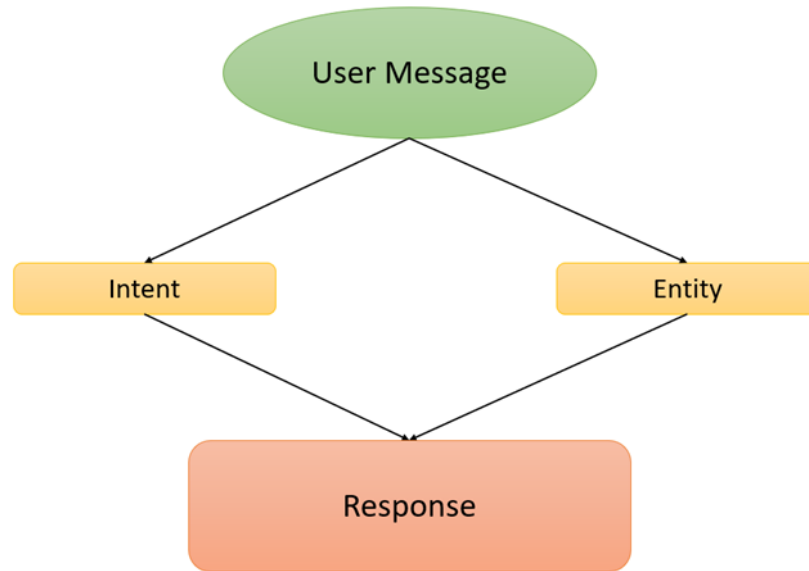
Then copy the link url upto .net/ and paste at anew tab by ui at the end of the url, like this,

<https://node-red-jtsdv.eu-gb.mybluemix.net/ui/>



3 .THEORITICAL ANALYSIS

3.1 Block diagram



4. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Watson Assistant

The screenshot shows the IBM Watson Assistant interface for a skill named 'Customer Care Sample Skill'. The 'Intents' tab is selected, displaying a list of 7 intents. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options (Entities, Dialog, Options, Analytics, Versions, Content Catalog) and a top bar with a search bar and a 'Try it' button. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons.

Intents (7) ↑	Description	Modified ↑	Examples ↑
<input type="checkbox"/> #Customer_Care_Store_Location	Locate a physical store location or an address.	5 hours ago	25
<input type="checkbox"/> #General_Connect_to_Agent	Request a human agent.	5 hours ago	47
<input type="checkbox"/> #General_Greetings	Greetings	2 hours ago	31
<input type="checkbox"/> #Goodbye	Good byes	5 hours ago	6
<input type="checkbox"/> #Help	Ask for help	4 hours ago	9
<input type="checkbox"/> #Product_Info		5 hours ago	5
<input type="checkbox"/> #Thanks	Thanks	5 hours ago	8

Showing 1-7 of 7 intents

The screenshot shows the IBM Watson Assistant interface for the same skill, but with the 'Dialog' tab selected. The 'Dialog' tab displays a flowchart of the dialog nodes. The nodes are: 'Opening' (welcome), 'greet' (#General_Greetings), 'What can I do' (#Help), 'Ask about product' (#Product_Info), 'What are your hours?' (#Customer_Care_Store_Hours), and '#Goodbye'. Each node shows the number of responses and context sets. The interface includes the same sidebar and top bar as the previous screenshot. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons.

Dialog nodes:

- Opening: welcome (1 Responses / 1 Context Set / Does not return)
- greet: #General_Greetings (4 Responses / 0 Context Set / Does not return)
- What can I do: #Help (1 Responses / 0 Context Set / Does not return)
- Ask about product: #Product_Info (2 Responses / 0 Context Set / Does not return)
- What are your hours?: #Customer_Care_Store_Hours (5 Responses / 0 Context Set / Does not return)
- #Goodbye

• Watson Discovery

The screenshot shows the IBM Watson Discovery console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'User's Manual' and 'Configure data' links. Below this, a summary card displays '132 documents' with a status of '0 documents failed'. It also shows the creation and last update timestamps as '6/2/2020 12:16:37 am EDT'. An 'Upload documents' button is present. The main area is divided into three sections: 'Identified 5 fields from your data' (listing footer, subtitle, table_of_contents, text, title), 'Added 4 enrichments to your data' (showing Entity Extraction with temperature and time data, Concept Tagging with terms like Heat, HVAC, Internet, Netscape, and Heat pump, Sentiment Analysis with 54% positive, 34% neutral, and 12% negative sentiment, and Category Classification with 'technology and com... operating systems'), and 'Now you're ready to query!' with three interactive cards for entity types, top entities, and sentiment analysis.

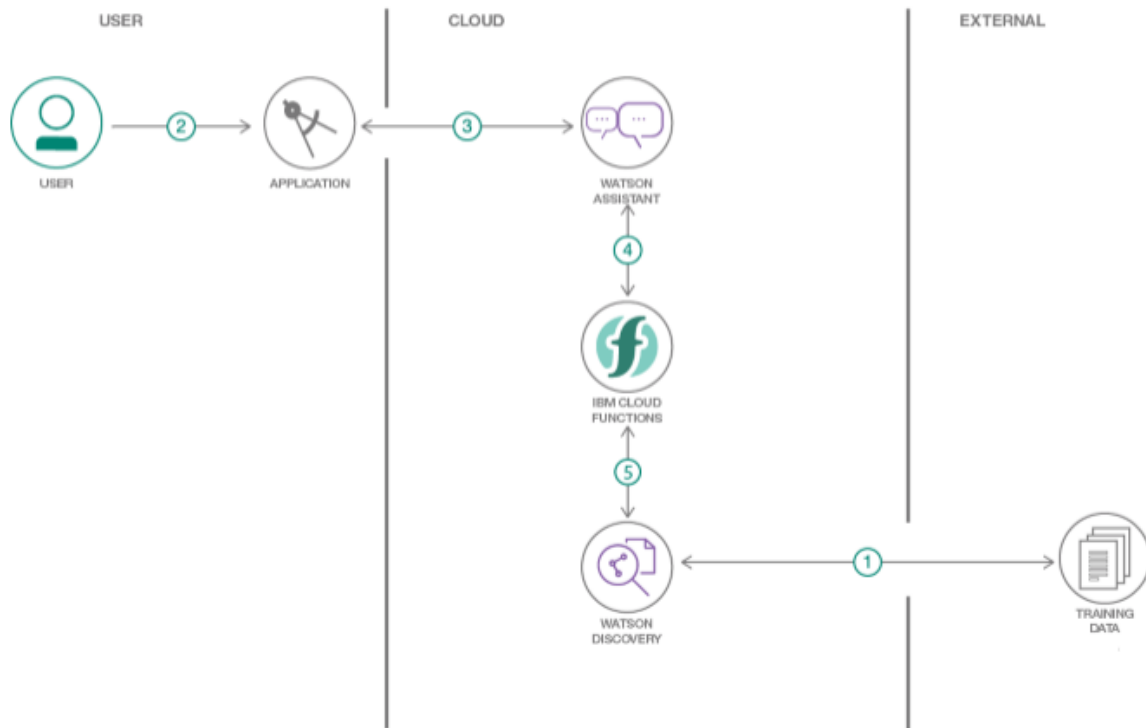
• Cloud Function

The screenshot displays the IBM Cloud Functions console for an action named 'discovery-function'. The left sidebar shows navigation options like Code, Parameters, Runtime, Endpoints, Connected Triggers, Enclosing Sequences, and Logs. The main area shows the code editor for 'Node.js 10'. The code is a JavaScript function that uses the Watson Discovery API to analyze documents. It includes comments and a main function that takes parameters and returns a Promise. The code is as follows:

```
1- /**
2-  *
3-  * @param {object} params
4-  * @param {string} params.iam_apikey
5-  * @param {string} params.url
6-  * @param {string} params.username
7-  * @param {string} params.password
8-  * @param {string} params.environment_id
9-  * @param {string} params.collection_id
10-  * @param {string} params.configuration_id
11-  * @param {string} params.input
12-  *
13-  * @return {object}
14-  *
15-  */
16-
17- const assert = require('assert');
18- const DiscoveryV1 = require('watson-developer-cloud/discovery/v1');
19-
20- /**
21-  *
22-  * main() will be run when you invoke this action
23-  *
24-  * @param Cloud Functions actions accept a single parameter, which must be a JSON object.
25-  *
26-  * @return The output of this action, which must be a JSON object.
27-  *
28-  */
29- function main(params) {
30-   return new Promise(function (resolve, reject) {
31-
32-     let discovery;
```

5. FLOWCHART

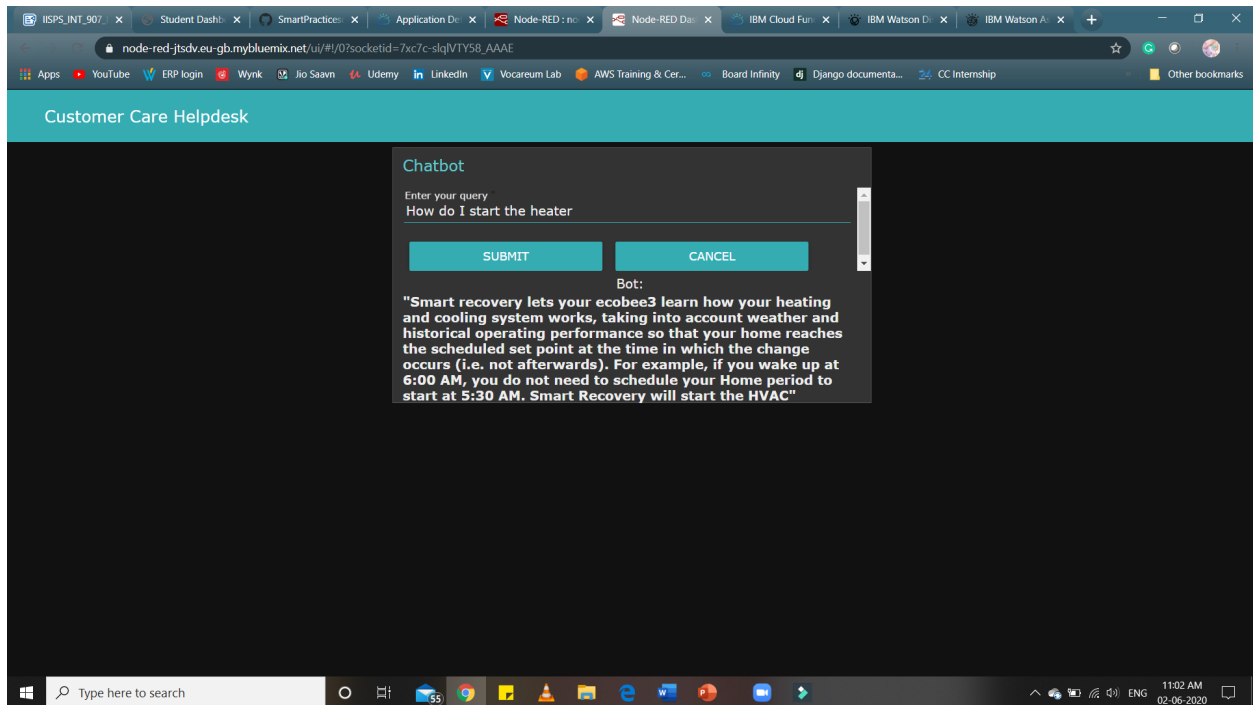
This is the flow how we are going to do the tasks for the proposed problems



1. The document is annotated using Watson Discovery SDU
2. The user interacts with the backend server via the app UI. The frontend app UI is a chatbot that engages the user in a conversation.
3. Dialog between the user and backend server is coordinated using a Watson Assistant dialogskill.
4. If the user asks a product operation question, a search query is passed to a predefined IBM Cloud Functions action.
5. The Cloud Functions action will query the Watson Discovery service and return the results.

6. RESULTS

The chatbot was successfully made using Watson assistant and using SDU. All the services were integrated using Node Red Application.



7. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages:

- A. Reduced costs: Chatbots eliminate the need for labor during online interaction with customers. This is obviously a great advantage for companies that receive multiple queries at once. In addition to saving costs with them, companies can align the chatbot with their objectives, and use them as a means to enhance customer conversion.
- B. 24/7 Availability: Unlike humans, once we install a chatbot, it can handle queries at any time of day. Thus, the customer does not have to wait for a commercial of the company to help him. This also allows companies to monitor customer « traffic » during non-working hours and contact them later.
- C. Learning and updating: AI-based chatbots are able to learn from interactions and update independently. This is one of the main advantages. When you hire a new employee, you have to train them continuously. However, chatbots « form » themselves (with certain limitations, of course).
- D. Management of multiple clients: Humans can serve a limited number of customers at the same time. This restriction does not exist for chatbots, and they can manage all the necessary queries simultaneously. This is one of the main advantages of using chatbot, as no customer is left unattended and you are solving different problems at the same time. There are chatbot companies already working on developing voice chatbot services.

Disadvantages:

- A. Complex interface: It is often considered that chatbots are complicated and need a lot of time to understand what you want in customer. Sometimes, it can also annoy the client about their slowness, or their difficulty in filtering responses. They don't get you right: Fixed chatbots can get stuck easily. If a query doesn't relate to something you've previously « taught » it, you won't understand it. This can lead to a frustrated customer and the loss of the sale. Other times they do understand you, but they need double (or triple) as many messages as one person, which spoils the user experience.
- B. Bad memory: The chatbots are not able to memorize a conversation already had, which forces the user to write the same thing over and over again. This can be cumbersome for the client and annoying for the effort required. Therefore, it is important to be careful when designing chatbots and make sure that the program is able to understand users' queries and respond accordingly

8.APPLICATIONS

Some applications can be: -

1. **Help User:** This chatbot will be useful for the user to ask the assistant the queries related to the Product and will give them clear guidance about the Product. If the Assistant doesn't know about a certain query, it will redirect to the correct person for it.
2. **Content delivery:** Media Publishers have realized that chatbots are a powerful way to engage with their audiences and monitor engagement to gain valuable insights on reader interests. Chat with the CNN and Wall Street Journal Chatbots on Facebook Messenger and receive the latest news directly in Messenger, without having to visit their websites.
3. **Companionship:** The primary function of the chatbot is to be a virtual companion – To speak with senior people on general topics like the weather, nature, hobbies, movies, music, news, etc. The chatbot asks questions, reacts to the answers, is able to speak on various topics, and share interesting news and facts from Google.

9. CONCLUSION

This chatbot will be useful for the user to ask the assistant the queries related to the Product and will give them clear guidance about the product. If the Assistant doesn't know about a certain query, it will redirect to the correct person for it. Chatbots are quickly making transformational changes and allowing businesses to thrive through customer interactions. The feedback and survey through chatbots strengthen the position of businesses as they analyze the reason behind different levels of customer approval. Use of conversational AI chatbots only means better engagement and relentless need for customer satisfaction in the near future.

10. FUTURE SCOPE

Future Scope of this chatbot can be by adding the following to make it more advance: -

1. Smarter Virtual Assistants: Much of what virtual assistants do now are basic skills, such as retrieving data and basic computation. As natural language processing (NLP) continues to mature, virtual assistants will improve their comprehension and response capabilities, allowing for their use to become more widespread and complex. Also, as machine learning progresses, we may see virtual assistants become smarter and begin to learn and predict customer needs.
2. Integration with IoT Devices: Car speakers, smart home devices, and wearables are just a few examples where the virtual assistant is departing from its original hardware and making its way to in-context devices. These integrations ensure that virtual assistants can always be near their human and ready to support any need. It is expected that these integrations will continue at an accelerated pace throughout 2018.
3. Voice-control: Voice recognition can be added with the virtual assistant. Then the customer can control application by using his voice. Soon, we could be joining meetings with a voice command, instead of dialing in the long meeting ID and password.

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5. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=em_pgZ4tZrM

Project Demo Link: https://youtu.be/-_JDEFqL2kY

Node Red UI Link: <https://node-red-jtsdv.eu-gb.mybluemix.net/ui/>